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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady following the long holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was fair to good. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI adjusted up for small and were unchanged for large and medium. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good with reorders following the holiday weekend still being received. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to instances close for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offers adequate. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	145-154	148-151
LARGE	144-153	146-149
MEDIUM	135-144	137-140
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	152-160	153-155
LARGE	150-158	151-153
MEDIUM	141-149	142-144

### **IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS**

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	126-135	130
MEDIUM	119-123	121
SMALL	71-77	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances full steady. Demand was reported as fair to fairly good. Present supplies were usually sufficient for post-Christmas buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for less than normal processing schedules. Light type hen demand was at least moderate for sufficient offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	155-169	155-158
LARGE	149-163	154-158
MEDIUM	139-152	143-146

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to at times closely balanced for current needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Light type hens were usually sufficient for a moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-162	156-159
LARGE	153-160	154-157
MEDIUM	141.25-149	42-146

Southeast Area: AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Extra large and large prices unchanged, mediums up 1 cent. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail demand fair to occasionally good. Food service movement moderate. Current reorders following the holiday day weekend are still being received and evaluated. Supplies of all sizes in close balance to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offers. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered warehouse.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
LARGE	152.5-161	154-157
MEDIUM	142.5-151	151-154

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices on extra large, large and mediums were the same as values last Friday. Trade sentiment, although mixed, was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged fair to fairly good. Supplies were generally sufficient for immediate trade requirements.

Prices delivered store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	151-155

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was down 5% from last Monday with California declining 4% and OR-WA-UT down 6%. Demand was fairly good to good while offerings were reported as adequate. Floor stocks tight to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory declined 5% from last Monday, with California down 4% and OR-WA-UT receding 6%. Current demand was fairly good to good with offerings adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.59.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	193
EXTRA LARGE	196
LARGE	190
MEDIUM	179

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 28, 2007 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 21, 2007 were 276,031 cases which was 21 percent above the prior week and 19 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	234,331	41,700	276,031

% change from the prior week..... +23 +10 +21  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings usually adequate. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	111-113	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	93-101	93-95
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to last report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Sales of dressed product were active in retail outlets. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DECEMBER-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.28
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DECEMBER -07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.25 CENTS/LB.		9.50
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-DEC 24, 2007**  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.7	14.7	7.2	7.2	12.6	47.4
	Change	-2.8	-3.2	-0.8	-0.3	0.9	-12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	15.6	26.5	10.6	22.1	31.6	106.4
	Change	-7.3	-4.4	-4.1	-4.4	-2.6	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	27.7	87.6	66.5	87.1	108.2	377.1
	Change	-6.2	-17.9	-12.9	-28.9	-5.5	-16%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.8	34.7	18.9	15.7	32.5	111.6
	Change	-1.2	-5.4	1.2	-6.2	-3.7	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	4.8	1.4	1.3	3.8	14.3
	Change	-0.4	1.2	0.4	-0.2	0.5	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	21.3	10.1	10.1	8.4	52.4
	Change	0.5	-3.9	2.1	1.7	-0.5	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.9	34.5	18.7	9.4	29.0	102.5
	Change	-2.4	-3.2	-2.9	-0.1	-1.4	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	75.2	224.1	133.4	152.9	226.1	811.7
Percent	Change	-21%	-14%	-11%	-20%	-5%	-13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	811.7	-13%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	198.6	17%	33
Total Shell Egg	1010.3	-9%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS**

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 10, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.09	2.06	1.87	1.24

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DEC 10, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.60	1.60	1.44	.84

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Daily WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 25, 2007

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 NO SALES TO REPORT DUE TO CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY.  
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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly 5-Day WTD AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 19, 2007-DEC 25, 2007  
**CURRENT LOADS 50.50 FUTURE LOADS 49.75 TOTAL LOADS 100.25**

SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST	LDS		CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST	LDS	
GNR W 1	135.00	137.60		136.75	137.57		--	133.50	41.00			GNR W 1	--	137.00		--	--			--	--	3.00	
GNR W 2	--	--		--	--		--	--	6.00			GNR W 2	--	133.33		--	--			--	--	6.00	
GL W J	--	--		149.00	151.00		129.73	--	3.75			GL W J	141.00	146.00		--	--			141.00	145.00	4.75	
GL W XL	--	153.00		141.71	145.33		131.00	137.50	22.25			GL W XL	131.23	137.00		--	--			--	142.79	10.50	
GL W LG	--	--		143.00	143.61		131.36	--	18.50			GL W LG	129.13	136.00		--	154.00			--	142.47	11.75	
GL W MD	138.00	--		133.00	132.72		124.15	128.00	12.50			GL W MD	--	--		128.88	--			--	136.10	5.00	
GL W SM	--	--		--	90.00		84.00	--	1.00			GL BR LG	--	--		--	--			--	164.00	.25	
GL BR LG	--	--		--	--		148.00	--	.25														
NRBS - 48	--	--		--	--		--	112.00	3.00														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS

TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (in thousands)

ON HAND	12/17/07	12/10/07	12/18/06
PACIFIC COAST	4	4	33
LOS ANGELES	0	0	29

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	Cents/Carton	Mostly
Extra Large doz.	229 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 158	130 - 134
Large doz.	224 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149	125 - 128

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

REPORT UNAVAILABLE DUE TO CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY

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